E-rate Form 498 for Libraries

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Updates on banking validation added 8/30/2018

Disclaimers



- These instructions represent my unofficial interpretation of the FCC's E-rate rules and regulations. Official guidance can come only from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC).
- What I present today is correct to the best of my knowledge, but what you see in the E-rate Productivity Center may be different.

What is the Form 498?

- Provides direct deposit information for Erate invoicing
- Required only for libraries that use Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement (BEAR)
 Forms to receive funding after paying the full bill upfront

Benefits of Form 498

- Only required once modify if banking information or contact person changes
- Reimbursement via direct deposit will happen in about 6 calendar days – it was about 30 days for the previous method

Common 498 Questions

- Q: Must I file a Form 498 for each of my branches?
 - A: No. Your library system has a Billed Entity Number (BEN) that handles E-rate filing on behalf of all your branches. If you have one bank account where you want all E-rate reimbursement to be deposited, then you need only one form.
- Q: Can I submit multiple Forms 498 if I want to use two or more bank accounts for reimbursement?
 - A: Yes, you can file a different Form 498 for each bank account you want to reference on the BEAR form.
- Q: Can deposits be made directly to a savings account?
 - A: No. The deposits are coded for checking accounts only. You can transfer the funds to the library's savings account later.

EPC Permissions for the 498

- EPC users with the Form 498 permission level of "General Financial Contact" can fill out the form but cannot certify it.
- EPC users with the Form 498 permission level of "School or Library Official" can both fill out and certify the form.
- See slides 9-12 for instructions on updating permission levels.

Info you need

- Federal Employer Identification Number (EIN)
- FCC Registration Number this is part of your library system's profile in the E-rate Productivity Center and will autopopulate in the form
- DUNS Number see slide
- Banking info name of bank, transit (routing) number, and account number

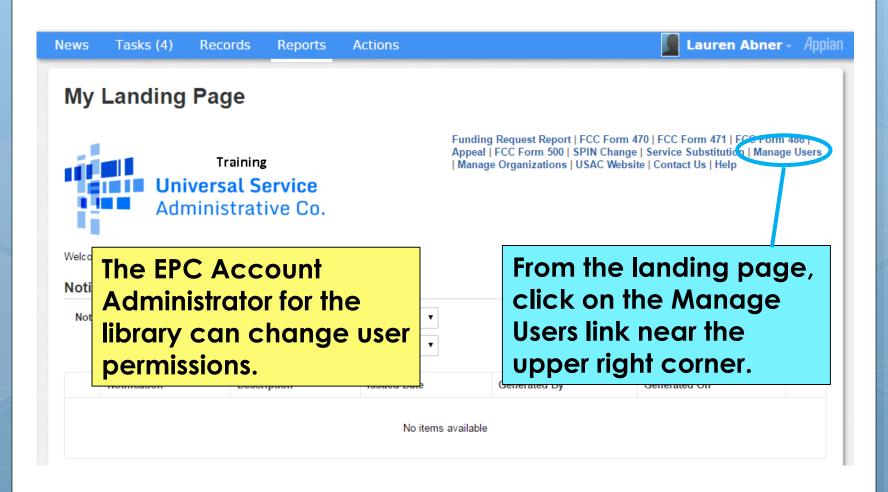
DUNS Numbers

- Most libraries already have a data universal numbering system (DUNS) number assigned.
- Use the Dun & Bradstreet website to lookup, update, or request a DUNS number: http://www.dnb.com/duns-number.html
 - Call 866-990-5845 for assistance.

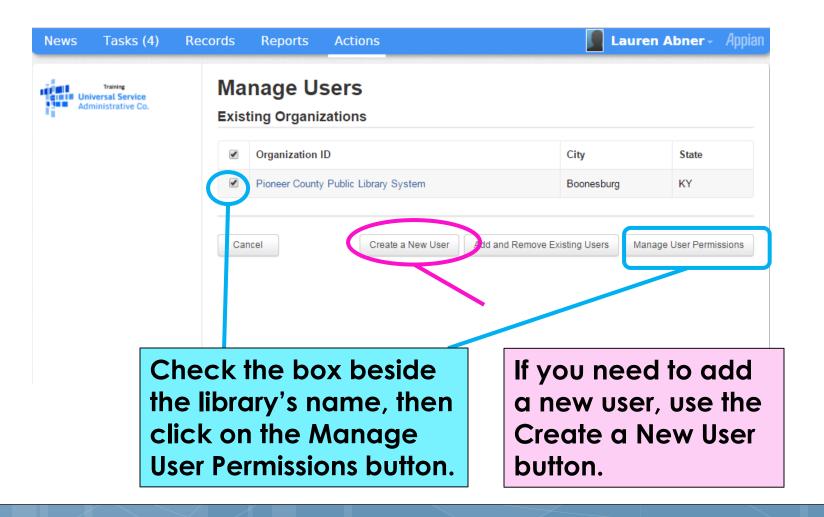
Updating User Permissions

You may need to update permissions before starting or certifying a Form 498.

Account Admin Makes Changes



Manage User Permissions



498 Permission

Manage User Permissions

Organization Details

Name Pioneer County Public Library System

Address 100 Main Street Boonesburg, KY 41700

Mailing Address 100 Main Street Boonesburg, KY 41700 FCC Registration 0123456789

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Descriptions of the Form 498 permission levels appear here.

User Permissions

In the table below, you can designate the permissions that you wish to give to each of your users for the various tasks functionality comes online.

- · Full rights users can start, complete, submit and certify forms.
- · Partial rights users can start and enter data in the form, but cannot submit and certify them.
- View Only users can only see forms created by other people in your organization but cannot create forms themselves.

Form 498 School or Library Officials can start, complete, submit, certify, modify, and deactivate Forms 498.

Form 498 General Financial Contacts can start, complete, and submit Forms 498, but cannot certify new or updated Forms 498 or deactivate existing Forms 498.

Post-commitment run and Partial rights user can start, complete, and submit spin change and service substitution requests. Post-commitment view only rights can view the submitted spin change and Service Substitution requests.

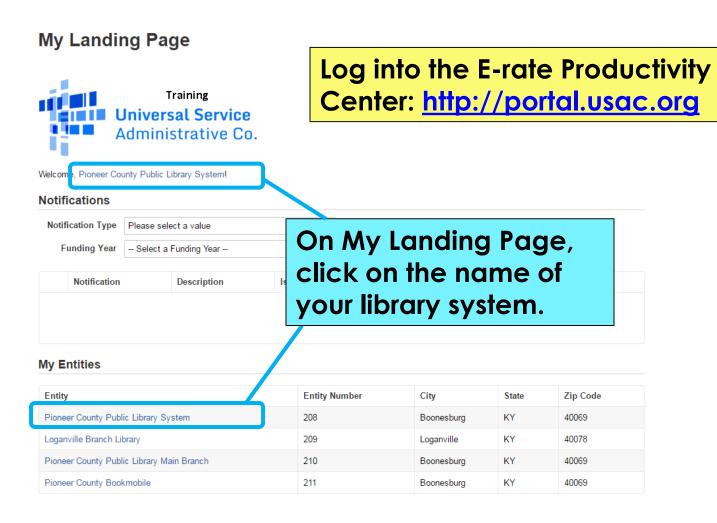
Name	Email	Apply All	470 Permission	471 Permission	498 Permission	Post- Commitment Permission	486 Permission	Appeals Permission
Lauren Abner	library.system10.user1@mailinator.com	-	Full •	Full	School or Library Official 🔻	Full ▼	Full •	Full 🔻
Susie Librarylady	susie.librarylady@mailinator.com	-	Full ▼	Full	School or Library Official 🔻	Full 🔻	Full •	Full 🔻
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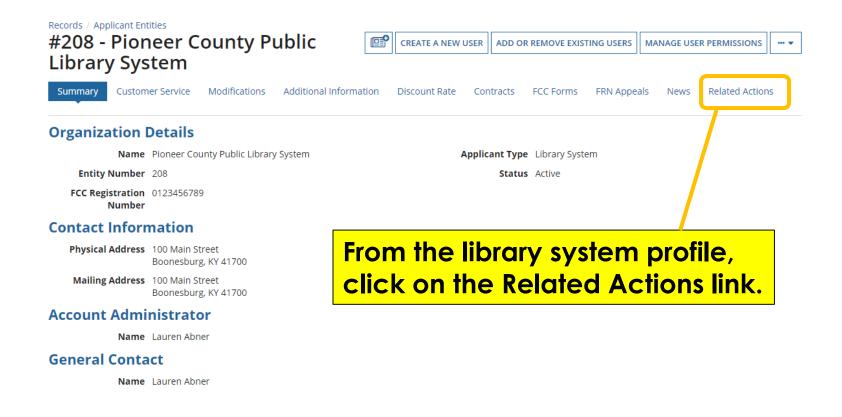
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Form 498 Walkthrough

Locating the Form 498 in EPC



Related Actions



Create FCC Form 498

Records / Applicant Entities

#208 - Pioneer County Public Library System



Summary

Customer Service Modifications Additional Information Discount Rate Contracts

FCC Forms

Related Actions

- Create a New User
 - This function allows you to create a user for your entity.
- Add or Remove Existing Users

This process allows user to add and remove users from an organization

Manage User Permissions

This function allows you manage the permissions for one or more users.

Manage Organization

This function allows you to update information about an entity or

Modify Account Administrator

This process allows you to transfer the Account Administrator fund

Create a Customer Service Case

This function allows you to submit a question about an E-rate form submit a specific request or an attachment.

Manage General Contact

This function allows you to designate the general contact for your entity.

Manage Organization Relationships

Process to relate an Organization to another Organization

Create FCC Form 470

This function allows you to create an FCC Form 470 for your entity.

Create FCC Form 471

This function allows you to create an FCC Form 471 for your entity.

Create FCC Form 498

This function allows you to create an FCC Form 498 for your entity.

Create FCC Form 486

This function allows you to create an FCC Form 486 for your entity.

Click on the Create FCC Form 498 link.

Form 498 – 1st page

Create a FCC Form 498

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Pioneer County Public Library System - Pioneer County Public Library FY 2018 direct deposit -

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General Financial Contact (1/2)



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Pioneer County Public Library System - Pioneer County Public Library 443000170

Basic Information

General Financial

Organization

Remittance A Information

Associate

General Financial Contact of Pioneer County Public Library System

Enter General Financial Contact *

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Lauren Abner

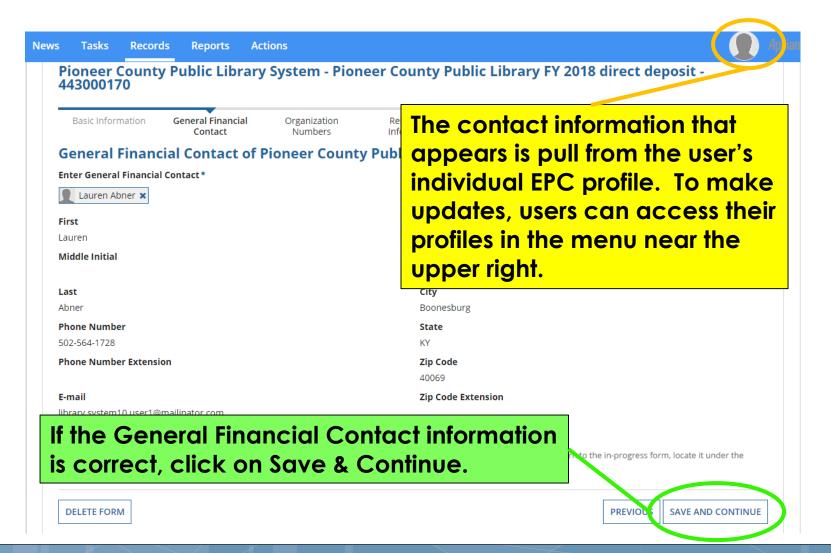
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DELETE FORM

Enter a name for the General Financial Contact (must be an EPC user). When you start typing, the name should pop up—click on it, and the system will pull the contact information from the user's EPC profile.

General Financial Contact (2/2)



Federal EIN and DUNS numbers

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Basic Information General Financial Contact Organization Numbers Remittance Information

Further Details

Federal Employer Identification Number *

555555555

Dun and Bradstreet Number (DUNS) *

666666666

FCC Registration Number

Enter the library's Federal Employer Identification Number (EIN) and data universal number system number (DUNS). Don't use dashes, hyphens, or spaces.

Once 'Save and Continue' is clicked, you will be able to leave the form without losing any entered information from this page. To return to the in-progress form, locate it under the 'Tasks' tab.

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and Remittance Contact are the same
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Additional BENs – Leave Blank!

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Basic Information	General Financial	Organization Numbers	Remittance Information	Associated BENs	Principal Communication	School or Library Official Certification
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Service Identification

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Basic Information Remittance Information School or Library Official General Financial Contact Organization Numbers Associated BENs Principal Communication Types Service Identification Principal School/Library or other Billed Entity Recipient Communication Type No additional information

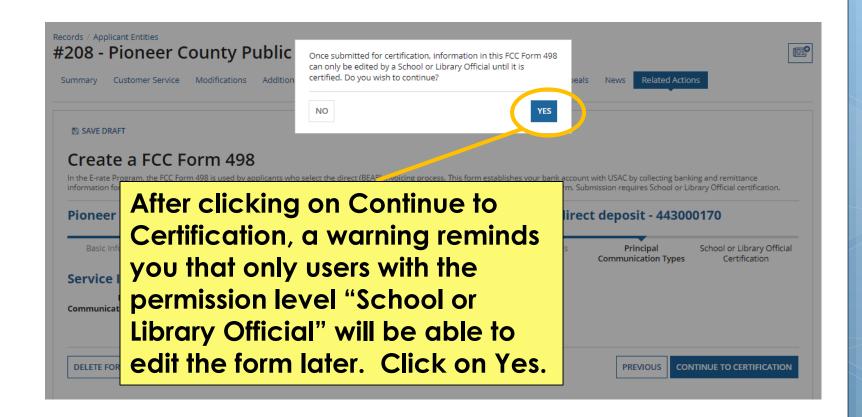
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needed—click on Continue to Certification.

CONTINUE TO CERTIFICATION

Certification

Continue to Certification



Review Data

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Basic Information

General Financial Contact Organization Numbers

Remittance Informa

Review Data

Please carefully review the data entered on the form for accuracy.

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have reviewed this form and have determined the information to be accurate.

I certify that I am a School or Library Official of the above-named entity, and that I am authorized to submit this FCC Form 498 data on behalf of the above named entity.

Persons with ally making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture, under the Communications Act, as amended, 47U.S.C. Secs. 20(e), 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. Sec. 1001.

checkbox to certify you. FCC Form 498 Pioneer County Public Library FY 2018 direct deposit

A download link will appear under Tasks when the PDF version of the certified form is ready to be downloaded

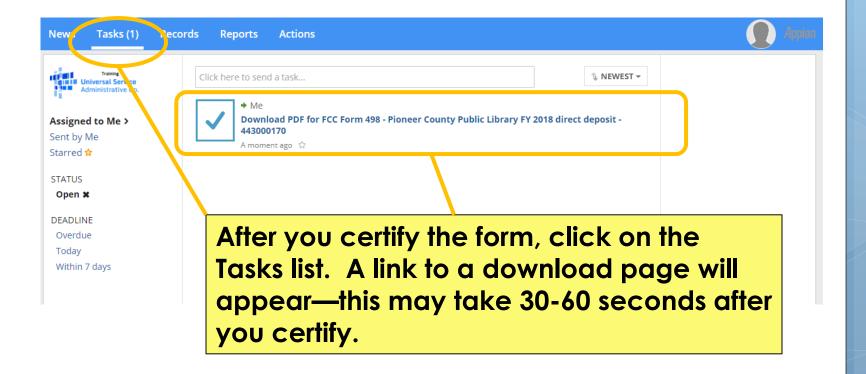
REJECT AND DELETE FORM

If the information on the draft form is correct, check both boxes. Then click on the Certify button.

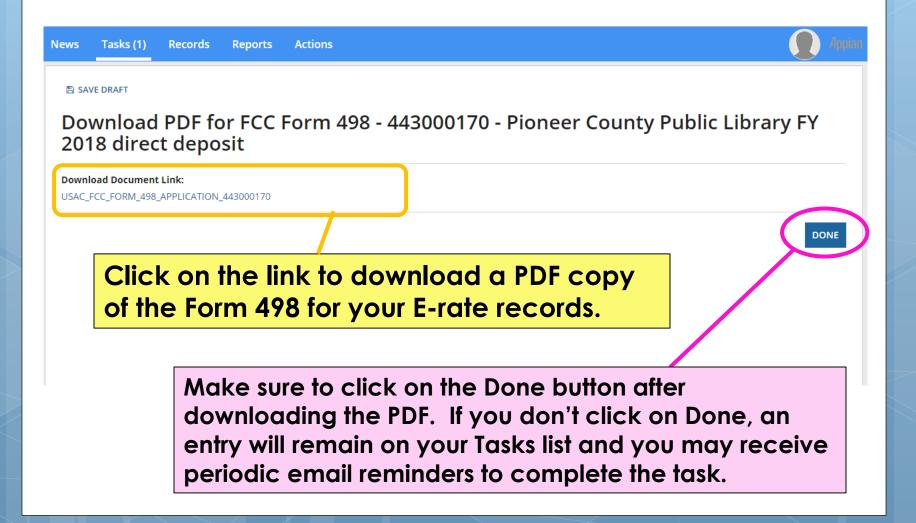
Click on the hyperlink with the FCC Form 498 #. A separate window or tab will open so you can doublecheck what you entered. Click on the Previous button to go back and make changes.



Download link on Tasks List



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Your library's Form 498 ID



FCC FORM 498

Form #443000170

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Page 1 of 2

Form 498 IDs are nine-digit numbers starting 443.

Organization Information

Name: Pioneer County Public Library System
Mailing Address: 100 Main Street Boonesburg,

KY 41700

Doing Business As:

Federal EIN: 555555555

Dun and Bradstreet Number (DUNS):

66666666

FCC Registration Number: 0123456789

Remittance Contact

Same as the General Financial Contact?:

Name: Lauren Abner

Title: KDLA Technology Consultant Phone Number: 502-564-1728 Ext

Email Address:

library.system10.user1@mailinator.com

Holding Company

Name:

Federal EIN:

Your library's Form 498 ID is listed on the copy of the form you download from the Tasks list. You'll need this number to validate your library's banking information. Once the banking information is approved, the Form 498 ID will automatically appear in a dropdown on your library's BEAR forms.

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Financial Institution Account Number for ACH:

XXXXXXXX

Validation of Banking Information

Updates added 8/30/2018

Documentation to Provide

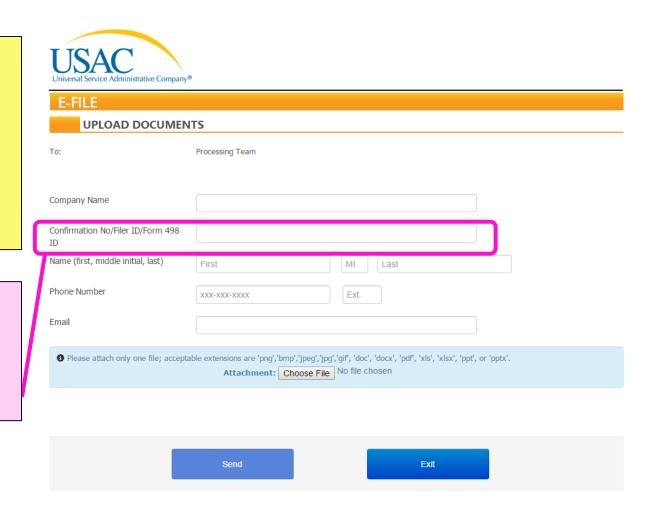
- You'll need to send at least one of the following to USAC after certifying your Form 498:
 - o First page of a banking statement that clearly indicates the library name, bank name, transit (routing) number, and account number; OR
 - Voided check that indicates the library name, bank name, routing number and account number.

Upload Banking Documentation

https://efile.universalservice.org/ServiceProviderManagement/V1/BankValidation

After certifying the Form 498, you should upload banking documentation as soon as possible (preferably immediately!).

This field requests the library's Form 498 ID found in the upper right corner of the certified form.



Link updated 8/30/2018

Alternative: Email Documentation

- If you see errors when trying to access the upload page for banking documentation (previous slide):
 - o Send an email to <u>498bankverification@usac.org</u> that includes:
 - Library name
 - Form 498 ID (9-digit number starting 443)
 - Name, phone, & email for library contact person
 - Scan of voided check or bank statement showing the bank name, routing number, and account number

Email Notification

From: USAC Customer Support [mailto:customersupport@usac.org] Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2016 4:59 PM

Subject: Banking Information Required for 498 ID (SPIN)

Send USAC a clear image of a voided check or a statement from your financial institution.

View this message as a web page



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Banking Information Required for 498 ID

We have begun reviewing your FCC Form 498 application for need additional information in order to issue your 498 ID to be used on your BEAR* invoice:

- 1. A clear image of a voided check, or
- 2. A statement from your financial institution that includes the bank name and your account number.

Please submit the documentation online. In the form, provide this information:

- Confirmation No./ Filer ID / Form 498 ID: 443
- Company Name:

If you need further assistance, please call us, Monday through Friday from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm ET, at (888) 641-8722 and select option 5, then Option 2, or email us any time.

Thank you,

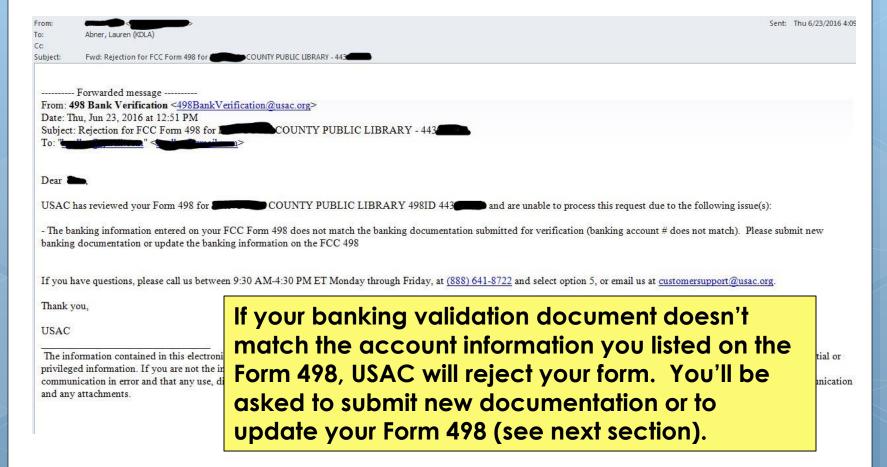
USAC Customer Support (888) 637-6226; finopsprocessing@usac.org usac.org/sl

*Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement (BEAR) for the Schools and Libraries (E-rate) Program

uploaded your documentation, you may receive an email notice from USAC directing you to do so.

If you have not

Form 498 Rejection Notice



Form 498 Approval (1/2)

- Once the banking documentation is approved, USAC will send a confirmation email from <u>498Bankverification@usac.org</u>. Usually in 1-2 business days, your library's Form 498 ID will appear in Block 1 on BEAR Forms.
- USAC will maintain your documentation only as needed to validate your banking information or as required by the Federal Communication Commission's records requirements. These documents will otherwise be destroyed.

Form 498 Approval (2/2)



Thu 5/10/2018 10:11 AM

498Bankverification@usac.org

Your 498 ID is Approved

To Abner, Lauren (KDLA)

The approval notice may have a subject line like, "Your 498 ID is Approved".

Screen cap updated 8/30/2018



Your 498 ID is Approved!

Dear Lauren,

We finished verifying the banking information for KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT FOR LIBRARIES AND ARCHIVES, and your 498 ID (SPIN) is now approved and ready to use on your BEAR* invoice!

Your 498 ID number is 443

Log into the legacy Apply Online system to start the BEAR invoicing process.

If you need further assistance with your Form 498 ID, please call us, Monday through Friday from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM ET, at (888) 641-8722 and select option 5, then Option 2, or mail us any time. For assistance with invoicing, call (888) 203-8100 or Submit a Question online.

Thank you,

USAC Customer Support

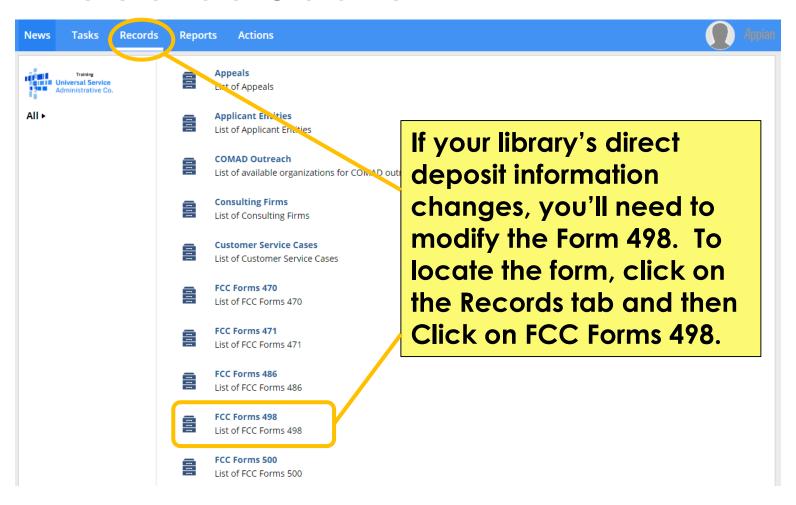
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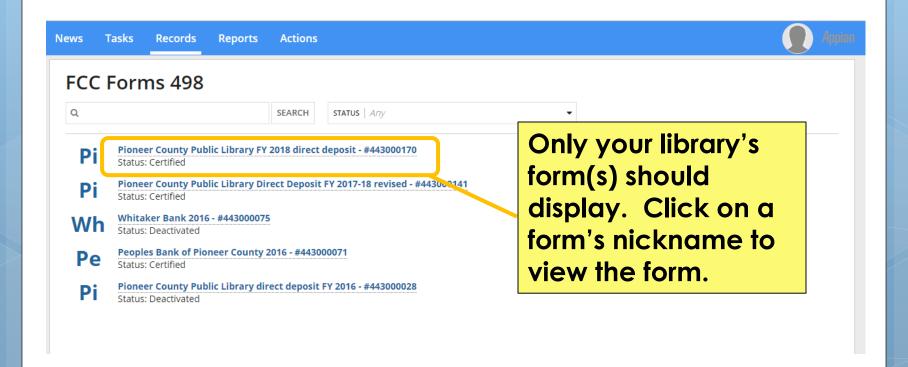
Modifying a Form 498

Necessary only if your library's remittance information changes.

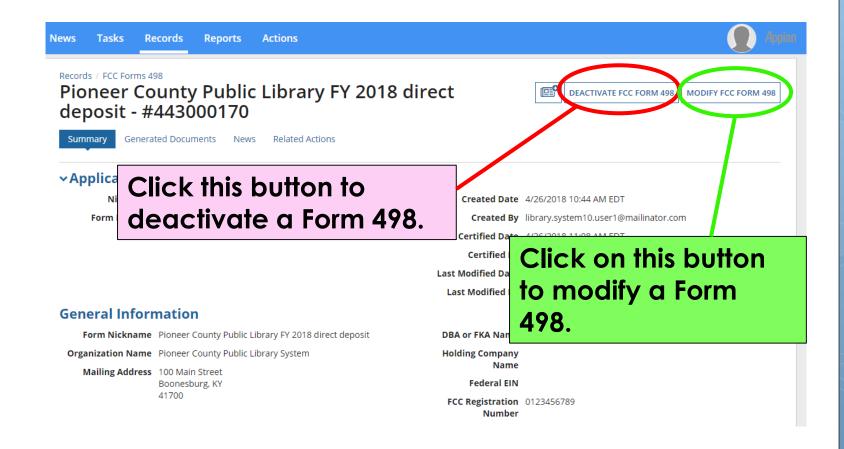
Records Search



View List of Your Form(s) 498



Deactivate or Modify Form



Modifying the Form

Modify an Existing FCC Form 498

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Basic Information	General Financial Contact	Organization Numbers	Remit Inform	
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Pioneer County Public Library FY 2018 direct deposit				again—just like when you
Organization Information				completed it the first time.
Name Pioneer County Public Library System				-
Name Company is Doing Business As (DBA) or Formerly Known As (FKA)			A)	You MUST resubmit a
Holding Company Name				verification document.

Once 'Save and Continue' is clicked, you will be able to leave the form without losing any entered information from this page. To return to the in-progress form, locate it under the 'Tasks' tab.

CANCEL

SAVE AND CONTINUE

Contact USAC

- Form 498 approval questions:
 - USAC Customer Operations: 1-888-641-8722 option 3 for Schools and Libraries program, then follow menu options
 - customersupport@usac.org
 - All other E-rate invoicing or general issues:
 - USAC Client Service Bureau: 1-888-203-8100.
 - File a customer service case in the <u>E-rate</u>
 <u>Productivity Center (EPC)</u>

Questions?



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